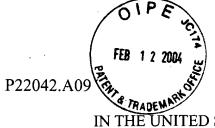


hpn. 33,094

Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Slobodyansky



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant

: Atsushi MIYAWAKI et al.

Appl. No.

: 10/086,738

Filed

: March 4, 2002

For

: A FLUORESCENT PROTEIN

STATUS REQUEST

Commissioner of Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request notification as to the status and a date as to when an Office Action will be issued in the above-identified patent application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted.

Bruce H. Bernstein

Reg. No. 29,027

February 6, 2004 GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C. 1950 Roland Clarke Place Reston, VA 20191 (703) 716-1191